

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

CHERYL PARKER,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 22-12993  
Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v

DARICE HARRIS, et al.,

Defendants.

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**QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER ALLOWING DEFENSE  
COUNSEL TO CONDUCT *EX-PARTE* INTERVIEWS WITH  
PLAINTIFF'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defense counsel may conduct ex-part  
interviews with Plaintiff's healthcare providers.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all *ex parte* interviews shall be in regard  
to this litigation, and any healthcare provider, like any witness, is not required to

participate in an ex-partie interview, and must be told such upon the request for the interview.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if Defendants or their counsel obtain any protected health information as a result of *ex-partie* communications with any of Plaintiff's healthcare providers, defendants are prohibited from using or disclosing that protected health information for any purpose other than this litigation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any protected health information obtained through the ex-partie communications shall be destroyed at the conclusion of this litigation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order is entered pursuant to the HIPAA Privacy Regulation 45 CFR §164.512(e)(1)(i) to permit *ex-partie* interviews between counsel for the defense and Plaintiff's healthcare providers, and shall remain in effect through the duration of this litigation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall serve a copy of this Order on any treating physician prior to any *ex parte* meetings.

This is not a final order.

/s/Matthew F. Leitman  
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: March 7, 2023

Stipulated and approved as to form and content:

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